

**California State Parks
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission**

Los Altos Hills Town Hall
26379 Fremont Road
Los Altos Hills, California 94022

Meeting Minutes, August 6, 2011

OHMVR COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Eric Lueder, Chair
Brad Franklin, Vice-Chair
Breene Kerr
Diana Pérez
Kane Silverberg
Paul Slavik
Stan Van Velsor
Gary Willard

OHMVR DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Daphne Greene, Deputy Director
Phil Jenkins, Division Chief
Tim La Franchi, Legal Counsel
Jeff Gaffney, District Superintendent
Kelly Long, Grants Administrator
Brian Robertson, Superintendent

AGENDA ITEM I

CALL TO ORDER – 9:30am.

A. Pledge of the Allegiance

B. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present.

Legal notice having been given, Chair Lueder called to order the meeting of the California State Parks, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission ("Commission"). Chair Lueder welcomed everyone and explained the process by which members of the public could provide public comment.

AGENDA ITEM II

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Silverberg, and seconded by Commissioner Willard. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM III

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 25, 2011

Motion was made by Chair Lueder, and seconded by Commissioner Silverberg. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM IV

REPORTS

A. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Slavik reported that Steve Thompson, OHV Program Manager for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, visited a number of OHV areas in California, including Hungry Valley, Oceano Dunes, and Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRAs), as well as the Cleveland and Los Padres National Forests. Commissioner Slavik was very enthusiastic about his visit and stressed the importance of sharing the OHV Program in California.

Commissioner Franklin reported to the Commission that HR 2715, which exempts kids' off-highway vehicles from the lead law that effectively banned the sale of these vehicles, had passed both the house and senate. It is awaiting the President's signature.

B. DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. General Program Update

Deputy Director Greene welcomed the Commissioners and the public, and gave thanks to Commissioner Kerr for hosting the meeting in Los Altos Hills.

Deputy Director Greene called the Commissioner's attention to the printed materials each had received, and provided a brief overview of various activities that had and were going on throughout the spring and summer months at the SVRAs, particularly at Oceano Dunes and Ocotillo Wells SVRAs.

Chief Jenkins discussed the participation of Oceano Dunes SVRA at the Paso Robles Mid State Fair. The Commissioners were provided with photos of the SVRA's exhibit which was a great success with the public. Chief Jenkins explained that staff at Oceano Dunes built a beautiful booth and display, indicating it was a great example of what can be done through the teamwork of park staff.

Deputy Director Greene acknowledged Commissioner Slavik's earlier comments regarding the site visit of Steve Thompson to California. She referenced the challenges the State of Texas has trying to balance use of their public lands. Although they have a demand for OHV recreation, they don't have a lot of public lands on which to recreate. As such, they are also challenged with how to prevent OHV trespass.

Deputy Director Greene reviewed the challenges to the Division as a result of travel restrictions. All areas of the Division's work are impacted. However, she stated that funding for the Commission Education Advisory Group (a body identified in objective 4.2 of the Division's Strategic Plan) to travel to Sacramento has been approved by the Resources Agency. She looks forward to identifying a date when the group can meet and getting the important work of the group underway.

Deputy Director Greene introduced Jeff Gaffney, Superintendent of Hollister Hills and Hungry Valley SVRAs. Superintendent Gaffney provided an overview of activities and projects that have occurred recently at the Hollister Hills SVRA, including: an article published in Friction Zone magazine; the 25th International Women on Wheels Ride-In conference; a California Archeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) training workshop; and the SVRA's ongoing Yellow Star Thistle goat mitigation program.

Commissioner Kerr asked Superintendent Gaffney about access to Forest Service land, in particular on lands adjoining Hungry Valley SVRA. The Commission requested the Division follow up at a later meeting with an overview of the access issues related to fire closures, winter wet weather closures, inventoried roadless areas, Forest Service policies and regulations, as well as a possible land exchange, something the two agencies have been working on for over 20 years.

2. Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program Update

Mr. Kelly Long, Grant Administrator for the Grants Program, provided a Program Update based on the Staff Report provided to the Commissioners.

Chair Lueder asked what will happen to the \$1.5 million surplus in the Restoration category of the Grants Program. Chief Jenkins explained that due to the state's budget

cycle, current year budget surpluses may not be used until the following year budget cycle. He further clarified that surplus funds may not be used for purposes other than those outlined in the legislation and funding encumbered for certain categories may only be used for those categories in future grant cycles. In the case of the Restoration funds, the Division has the obligation to use the money for restoration purposes in future grant cycles. Authorization from the legislature would be required to spend the money in a different category than provided for in the current legislation.

Commissioner Willard asked about involvement of nonprofit agencies in the Grants Program. He commented that he would like to see more involvement by nonprofits and would like to see them participate in acquisition projects.

Mr. Long noted that nonprofit organizations cannot apply for acquisition projects. He noted the Division needs to promote the Program more broadly and make more nonprofits aware of grant funding opportunities through the Division.

3. Legislation Updates

Chief Jenkins provided an update on pending legislation. He indicated there had been little movement on the various bills since the last legislative update was given at the Commission meeting in May.

Chair Lueder requested clarity on AB 42 and what it means when a bill is in the suspense file. Chief Jenkins explained when a bill is in the suspense file it is essentially on hold. The suspense file is a function of the fiscal committee in both houses to hold bills that carry appropriations over a specified dollar amount.

Commissioner Franklin asked if AB 628 referred to paved roads? Chief Jenkins explained that it refers to roads considered state highways. The CHP can currently designate sections of highway up to three miles in length for combined use, allowing both registered OHVs and highway registered vehicles. AB 628 would allow designation for combined use on highway segments longer than 3 miles.

Commissioner Slavik asked for a status on the park closures. Deputy Director Greene said that various nonprofits and foundations are looking into opportunities to partner with State Parks to keep the parks open. She indicated variations on these partnerships are being pursued. She further explained there are legal ramifications to the various types of partnerships that need to be addressed, including the protection of cultural and natural resources, and liability.

4. Public Safety Update

Brian Robertson, Public Safety Superintendent for the Division indicated the Division has renewed its contract with Chris Real, DPS Technical, Inc. to conduct sound testing training at nine sound testing training locations throughout the state.

Commissioner Slavik asked about the effectiveness of sound testing. Mr. Robertson stated the sound testing is very effective

Mr. Robertson provided an overview of illegal OHV activity going on in the Santa Ana Riverbed area, in Southern California. Chair Lueder suggested using large billboards and signage to deter OHV riders. Commissioner Silverberg asked whether it was possible to redirect riders to other OHV areas.

Commissioner Slavik indicated the area of concern is located across from the Colton Center and suggested the illegal activity has been going on for at least 15 or more years. He explained the illegal activity started out minimally but has increased over time. Referencing goals and objectives of the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan, Commissioner Slavik indicated a desire to find a way to redirect these people to legal areas and focus on providing new OHV opportunities.

Commissioner Kerr suggested writing a letter to the Colton Center directing them to the Grants Program, particularly noting the funding opportunities for acquisition in an effort to address displaced riders.

Mr. Robertson added that local agencies had placed temporary barriers at several access points along the river in an effort to prevent the illegal activity. Commissioner Pérez asked what types of temporary barriers were installed. Mr. Robertson was not aware of the type of barriers installed.

Mr. Robertson also provided a status report on the Rubicon Trail Outreach project. Outreach on the trail has been successful and well received so far this summer. Chair Lueder asked what the attendance is on the trail. Mr. Robertson indicated that on an average weekend day one might see an average of 150 vehicles. On a busy holiday weekend it might be more like 300-400 vehicles per day. Chair Lueder asked about the length of patrol. Mr. Robertson indicated Division rangers patrol in various sections of the trail, approximately 4 ½ miles each day, mostly on foot patrol.

Commissioner Kerr asked about the cost of the Rubicon Outreach Program. Chief Jenkins responded that the effort had been scaled back from the previous year, and only local Division staff are being used.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dave Pickett, President, AMA District 36: Asked why it has taken 20 years to do a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Pickett was happy about the sound testing contract with Chris Real. He acknowledged Ed Statin, of the Dirt Diggers Motorcycle Club, for developing a simple electric component that can be installed on a bike, on-site, to decrease the sound.

Bruce Brazil, California Enduro Riders: Suggested the Commission take a look at Yuba City's program to mitigate for illegal OHV activity. They have been successful in addressing this issue and encouraged the Division and Commission to speak with them. Mr. Brazil indicated public organizations, such as the Friends of the Rubicon, should be recognized for their participation and volunteer work on the Rubicon Trail and expressed appreciation to the many volunteers who have been doing a lot of work on the trail. Mr. Brazil also complimented Carnegie SVRA for their participation in putting on a family enduro.

Amy Granat, Northern Regional Director, CORVA: Regarding the LEO task force meeting, Mrs. Granat thanked the Division, including Superintendents Loren Rex and Brian Robertson for attending the meeting. Mrs. Granat explained there has been a lot of talk about problems on the Rubicon Trail but the access community didn't have a lot of documentation of the problems on the trail. She emphasized the need for good, accurate, reporting to address the trail issues.

11:00am OPEN COMMENT PERIOD – (The opportunity for the public to comment on any item not on the agenda.)

Diana Tweedy: Ms Tweedy expressed concerns about Carnegie SVRA. She and her family have been riding at Carnegie for many years. She is worried that since the lawsuit and the fire, more areas are being closed and trails are becoming overcrowded. She understands we don't want people going into the riverbed but stated that it's dry most of the time and even if it's running it would be very easy to keep people out of the riverbed. She indicated kids and ATV riders now have no place to go. She hopes the Tesla property, purchased many years ago, will open soon.

Dave Pickett, District 36: Mr. Pickett complimented Prairie City SVRA on their new 4X4 area. He also stated that he met with the Forest Service and received an update on Travel Management and Cost Recovery. He also met with Congressman McClintock and had a round table meeting with Don Amador, the Congressman, and five of his staff members on how to address the cost recovery issue. Mr. Pickett expressed concern over the \$10 million cut to Division operations and grants, and the \$21 million take from the OHV Trust Fund. He further explained he is having difficulty obtaining transcripts from the various budget hearings. He asked the Commission (and Division) stay on top of this.

Jim Keeler, BLM California OHV Lead: Mr. Keeler informed the Commission that Jim Kenna has been appointed the new BLM State Director for California and will report to his new position in mid-September. Mr. Kenna is currently the State Director for BLM in Arizona. Mr. Keeler also indicated the BLM is working on a Strategic Plan and will have copies sent to Deputy Director Greene.

Commissioner Kerr asked how the guidelines used by BLM for content and sharing of contact names on BLM's opt-in email newsletter list.

Tom Tammone: Mr. Tammone remains concerned about monies being taken and loaned from the OHV Trust Fund and suggested that if the Division is not doing projects because monies are being taken out of the fund then he would consider that a trigger to loan repayment. He would like to see documentation of projects that are being denied. He would also like to see the Division move forward on more acquisition projects.

He suggested agencies who purchase sound meters with grant funds should be held accountable for maintaining their equipment and should be required to submit calibration reports and keep them on file at the Division.

Dean Stanford: Mr. Stanford provided a copy of a zero emissions OHV park proposal that was sent to the City of San Jose. He wanted to make sure the Commission was informed on this proposal to develop an OHV area at the San Jose Wastewater Treatment Plant. Total acreage of the park is 2600 acres and includes provisions for trail areas.

Chris Depree: Mr. Depree spoke about his Clubs concerns regarding the ongoing closure of the CCMA and thanked the Commission for sending a letter. He has been forced to ride at Cow Mountain OHV area which he stated is understaffed and needs maintenance dollars. He expressed concerns about the paving of the entry road to Cow Mountain, and the cancellation of OHV events due to the paving. Mr. Depree requested a new trails be developed so these events can continue.

Deputy Director Greene reminded the Commission and public that the Forest Service and BLM were not invited to be in attendance at this Commission meeting per discussion with the Chair and due to the format and intent of the meeting. She thanked Mr. Keeler for attending on his own time. Deputy Director Greene also noted that Romero Villalvazo, former Supervisor on the Eldorado National Forest, has taken Marlene Finley's position as Director of Public Services for the Pacific Southwest Region. She said that he is committed to collaborating and looks forward to working with the OHMVR Division and Commission.

AGENDA ITEM V

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. OHMVR Commission Meeting Agenda Format: Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

The Commissioners discussed the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, expressing particular interest in how Bagley-Keene impacts the preparation of the agenda, and when and if the Commission may take action on business items not appearing on the posted agenda or under non action items.

In addition, the Commission discussed what constitutes appropriate correspondence between Commission members; how the Bagley-Keene Act differs from the Brown Act; and how the Commission can address items not on the agenda but which come up during the course of a Commission meeting. They highlighted the constraints of Bagley-Keene but also the goal of the Bagley-Keene Act to ensure the public has adequate knowledge and understanding of what the Commission will be discussing.

Deputy Director Greene directed the Commissioners to the Bagley-Keene Act Guide and the paragraph that says the Act can sometimes be frustrating for both board members and staff. She referred to the last paragraph of the Guide stating, "...that when a body sits down to develop its consensus, there needs to be a seat at the table reserved for the public."

There was lengthy discussion on two sections of Bagley-Keene, GC 11125.3(a) and (b), and how these sections impact the Commission's ability to take immediate action on agenda items. Some Commissioners wanted the flexibility to take immediate action at a meeting while others wanted to ensure they and the public had a good understanding of the topic sufficient to make thoughtful decisions.

Commissioner Kerr expressed a desire to have flexibility as to when agenda items can be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Van Velsor expressed reservations about using the exceptions, particularly as he is frequently in the minority and, as such his concerns would be disregarded. Chair Lueder stated that the Bagley-Keene Act provided for exceptions, and that his primary concern was to make sure the Commission follows the agenda requirements appropriately.

Commissioner Kerr was also concerned about the ability of the Commission to write letters or have the Chair act on behalf of the Commission. Without some flexibility the Commission he believes the Commission is hamstrung and inefficient.

Commissioner Van Velsor suggested the Commission make everything on the agenda an action item so any topic could be acted upon appropriately. Commissioner Willard indicated that while the current system is not perfect, it is probably the best to only have the Commission take action on those agenda items listed under Business Item.

Commissioner Kerr indicated he would like a designated procedure for placing items on the agenda, and felt that contacting staff four weeks ahead of time to add an item on the Agenda is an onerous requirement.

Chair Lueder stated many of these issues could be addressed during the Policies and Procedures discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dave Pickett, President, AMA District 36: Mr. Pickett sympathized with the Commissioners on this topic, emphasized a common sense approach, and confirmed the need for emergency provisions should important items arise at the last minute.

Tom Tammone: Mr. Tammone asked the Commission consider the option of teleconferencing or web conferencing the Commission meetings if acceptable under Bagley-Keene. He also requested that everyone should have the same time limit for speaking.

LUNCH – 12:15 pm.

B. OHMVR Commission Policies and Procedures

After a brief overview of the history of the Commission's Policies and Procedures, Chair Lueder noted he had proposed some edits to the existing Policies and Procedures. These proposed changes were in the Commission meeting packet. He asked to discuss these proposed changes with the Commission and the public.

The Commissioners discussed a number of issues related to the Commission's Policies and Procedures document including agenda items; timeframes to submit agenda topics; the length of public comment period; and, the need to comply with requirements of Bagley-Keene.

A motion was made by Commissioner Willard to accept the *draft Policies, Procedures, and Format for Meetings of the OHMVR Commission* with the following adjustments: modify agenda timeframes in item 1(b)(i) to three weeks, item 1(b)(ii) to two weeks, and items 1(b)(iii) to ten days; allow Chair to have flexibility in modifying times as needed, add reference to the Bagley-Keene section 1125.7(c); include that individual Commissioners are able to add items to the agenda; and, upon the discretion of the Chair, the draft agenda would be circulated to all Commissioners.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kerr and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Bruce Brazil, California Enduro Riders: Regarding meeting notification, Mr. Brazil indicated 10 days is a short amount of time to know where the meetings are going to be held and prepare accordingly. He suggested the Division post the general area in the state if not the specific location, of the upcoming Commission meeting at least 2-3 weeks in advance of the meeting. Mr. Brazil also asked for the rationale on the designated public comment times, and what qualifies as an organization.

Dave Pickett, President, AMA District 36: Mr. Pickett suggested Item (C)(iii) of the Commission's Policies and Procedures was in conflict with what was discussed earlier during the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act discussion. He added the Commission might also want to look at page 4, section 5 to adjust the time limits.

Tom Tammone: Regarding public comment time limits, Mr. Tammone suggested 3 minutes for everyone. He felt the policy was discriminatory and not fair, and also indicated the policy limits criticism of the program.

Amy Granat, Northern Regional Director, CORVA: Regarding public comment time limits, Mrs. Granat did not believe there should be discrimination between individuals and organizations. She felt everyone should have the same allotted time, no matter if its and organization or not.

After more Commission discussion regarding the public comment period, Commissioner Willard moved to amend his earlier motion to specify public comment time limits for all parties will be three minutes regardless if they are an individual or an organization.

Motion was made by Commissioner Willard to accept the Policies and Procedures as amended. Commissioner Kerr seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Lueder requested the Division continue to edit the Policies and Procedures for the next meeting.

C. OHMVR Commission Workshop

Chair Lueder invited the other Commissioners to share their goals and objectives for the Commission so the other Commissioners and the public would have a better understanding of each others priorities for the coming year.

Chair Lueder expressed concerned about the constant funneling of money to state government for non-OHV purposes. He indicated the only way the Commission is going to make an impact on this issue is to be more engaged with the legislature. He encouraged the Commissioners to become engaged with their local representatives and engage with members of the OHV community to educate state and local representatives

and their staff on the OHV Program because many of those staff members have no idea who or what the Program is. Becoming engaged will make a difference.

Commissioner Kerr wants to encourage public-private partnerships to provide parallel funding sources for the benefit of the OHV community. Specifically, Commissioner Kerr would like to see an event at Hollister Hills SVRA. Commissioner Kerr indicated that since the money of the state is subject to the daggers of the budget process, it's important to have additional resources available and we should encourage the development of those resources. Commissioner Kerr would like to see an event at Hollister Hills SVRA similar to the Hangtown event at Prairie City SVRA in that the beneficiary of such an event would be a suitable nonprofit.

Commissioner Silverberg noted that Commissioner Kerr's suggestion is included within the 5th Goal in the Strategic Plan. Commissioner Silverberg stated Hollister Hills does participate in public-private partnerships and indicated there are events that occur as a result of these partnerships. Commissioner Silverberg asked Superintendent Jeff Gaffney to speak to this issue. Superintendent Gaffney indicated one of the challenges to holding larger events is the SVRA's parking capacity and limitations. He is willing to work with the Commission and staff on this idea and expressed a desire to include the Hollister Hills Off Road Association, an existing non-profit at the park, in the discussions.

Commissioner Silverberg said he would like to see the Clear Creek Management Area open to the public and would like to focus on completing a general plan at Carnegie SVRA, and getting the new property open. He would like to also focus on pursuing new acquisitions for OHV recreation.

Commissioner Willard indicated that in light of the state's budget crises which will probably be ongoing for sometime, he would like to work to ensure the financial viability of the OHV Program by advocating the legislature to maintain the Program's funding and ensure the Program has access to its financial resources.

Commissioner Franklin said he wants to focus on Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan: to develop an informed and educated community. He stated the Commissioners need to do more self-promotion, to get out and communicate with the legislature in Sacramento to make sure they know about the OHV Program. He stressed the need to do a better job educating lawmakers that question the OHV Program and what it is. Events such as the Hangtown Classic pump millions of dollars into the local economy. He stated the need to advocate this is a family-oriented program.

Commissioner Slavik would like an update on the Strategic Plan at the next Commission meeting. Noting some of the goal dates have passed and some are imminent. He would like more information on how the Division is going to accomplish the Strategic Plan goals and objectives. He suggests the Commission's goals and objectives should be consistent with the Division's Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives.

Dialogue occurred back and forth between Commissioner Willard and Commissioner Slavik regarding the Strategic Plan Goals and the Commissions goals. Commissioner Willard felt the two sets of goals and objectives are separate from one another while Commissioner Slavik believes they are connected. Deputy Director Greene suggested the Commission refrain from taking off on an entirely new direction and use the existing Strategic Plan as a frame of reference. Chair Lueder encouraged collaboration with the Division and the Commissioners working individually with the Division to promote and facilitate the goals of the Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Willard reiterated, this is the Division's Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives. He said he wanted to focus today on what the Commission is going to do and how they go about achieving their goals.

Chief Jenkins explained why the Division needs a Strategic Plan, a requirement of the Department of Finance (DOF). He indicated a Strategic Plan is needed and consulted when we plan for projects, spending, and so forth. DOF will ask a department if a project is in their Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is the Division's guideline and it is based on a public input process. Chief Jenkins stated, it's that shared vision that ties the Commission and the Division together. Deputy Director Greene indicated that together we leverage decisions for the greater good.

Commissioner Slavik also highlighted that Goal 4 – the advertising objective that indicates commercial OHV advertising targeted to California consumers will accurately represent appropriate and responsible OHV use – always comes up. He questioned whether the Division and Commission can really influence statewide advertising on a local level. Commissioner Kerr believes there are ways and gave examples how we can do this. He suggested a separate subcommittee could address these issues.

Commissioner Pérez indicated this will be a learning year for her. Given her proximity to Oceano Dunes SVRA, she would like to stay connected and informed within the area and the park. She would like to focus on facilitating an educated and informed community, and has an interest in serving on a subcommittee.

Commissioner Van Velsor expressed his pleasure at hearing funding had been secured for the OHV Education Subcommittee, an objective of Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan. He indicated they have been working hard to get this committee off the ground, that it is an important goal for him, and he is anxious to get started.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dean Stanford, Twin Creeks, Sunnyvale: Spoke regarding small business loans to encourage successful, profitable businesses. Suggests contacting San Jose about partnerships.

Dave Pickett, AMA District 36: Mr. Pickett stated the OHV Program doesn't have a revenue problem - it has a legislative theft problem. He said the top priority of the Commission must be to protect the OHV Trust Fund. Mr. Pickett also expressed concerns regarding resource damage due to overcrowding; closure of OHV areas and potential increase in illegal trespass; the importance of private-public partnerships, the need for PSAs advocating responsible use; and, the desire for more separation from State Parks.

Jim Keeler, BLM: Regarding staff development, Goal 3. Mr. Keeler indicated a goal should be to work on educating other land managers about OHV recreation. Mr. Keeler stressed the need to invest in the education of professional land managers and engage resource universities, like Humboldt, Chico State, and San Luis Obispo, who have good recreation and forestry departments to help integrate the human side of land management with OHV side of land management. He stated that at some point, everyone has an obligation to invest in the education of professional land managers.

Tom Tammone: Would like to see the Division get away from State Parks but he's not sure how this will stop the legislature from dipping into the Division's funds. Regarding AB 42, likes the bill.

Chair Lueder reviewed his goals for the Commission, indicating his number one goal is to protect the Division's money.

Commissioner Silverberg asked if it would be a worthy topic to explore whether OHV recreation could help with some of the other State Park facilities that are facing closure or reductions, but where there is not OHV activity right now. He referred specifically to Henry Coe State Park.

Deputy Director Greene indicated a number of large donors and non-profits were already in discussions with State Parks regarding the operation of Henry Coe and that everyone was hopeful for a solution. She said nothing is ever impossible, but given the controversial nature of OHV recreation, if the Commission were serious about discussions regarding other parks they would need to reach across the isle and engage in discussion. Chief Jenkins indicated this is a topic that is loaded with controversy, but there could be an opportunity for the broader discussion of how we get more people to parks to keep them open.

Tom Tammone: Mr. Tammone said he does not understand why green sticker vehicles have to be eliminated from parks, or why OHV use is automatically excluded. He indicated the OHV community can protect the land and co-exist with other uses. He said not all park lands need to be earmarked for conservation and preservation.

Conclusions: Chair Lueder encouraged everyone to communicate better on an individual level.

Commissioner Kerr asked to have clarity regarding special events at the parks and possible non-profit private/public partnerships. He said he would like to talk vet out this idea in an effort to expand these opportunities. Specifically, would like to be back here a year from now with a date and a sponsor, and the support of the community and supporter. He asks what the next steps would be.

Chair Lueder responded, indicating the next steps would be the fact finding process. Suggests Commissioner Kerr work with the Division to address some of the questions Commissioner Kerr has and kick around more ideas.

Chair Lueder concluded the discussion, thanked Commissioner Kerr for opening up Los Altos Town Hall and making it available for the Commission, and thanked the staff and public for coming out on a Saturday and sharing their thoughts. He stated he looks forward to bringing back the ideas at the next meeting and to continue moving forward.

Deputy Director Greene also thanked everyone for being at the meeting on a Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Willard, and seconded by Commissioner Franklin. Motioned carried unanimously.

Chair Lueder adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.